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SUBJECT: FORMER GABONESE PERMREP ESSONGHE

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JEAN BAPTISTE ESSONGHE WAS GABONESE PERMREP IN NEW YORK FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR FROM THE SUMMER OF 1975 TO THE SUMMER OF 1976. USUN'S ASSESSMENT OF ESSONGHE DOES NOT DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM THAT OF AMBASSY LIBREVILLE (REFTEL). WHILE ESSONGHE IS FRIENDLY AND COURTLY, HE TENDS TO LIKE LONG LIQUID LUNCHES WHICH, COMBINED WITH HIS APPARENT LACK OF PROFOUND INTELLIGENCE, RESULT IN HIS GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF BEING "OUT OF IT" MOST OF THE TIME. DURING HIS TENURE IN NEW YORK HE NEVERTHELESS WAS POPULAR AMONG THE AFRICAN GROUP. ESSONGHE IS VERY NEARSIGHTED.
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